

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HOUSE, TRAFALGAR STREET, NELSON ON THURSDAY 7 MAY 2009 COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

PRESENT: Councillor R Reese (Chairperson), His Worship the Mayor (K Marshall), Councillors I Barker, G Collingwood, M Cotton, A Miccio, P Rainey, D Shaw (Deputy Chairperson)

IN ATTENDANCE: K Marshall (Chief Executive), R Johnson (Divisional Manager Planning and Consents), M Workman (Manager Environmental Policy) and R Palmer (Administration Adviser)

APOLOGIES: Apologies on behalf of Councillors A Boswijk, A McAlpine, and G Thomas were received and accepted.

1.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

12 February 2009

1.1 Correction

The last line of the penultimate paragraph on the first page of the Minutes of the Part of a Meeting of the Environment Committee held with the Public Excluded on Thursday

12 February should in fact read "...Mitigation Plan could be influenced by the Council as shareholder in the Port."

Resolved

***THAT** subject to the forgoing correction the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee, held on Thursday 12 February 2009, be confirmed as a true and correct record.*

Shaw/Miccio

Carried

2.0 STATUS REPORT

Document No 662263, agenda pages 7-13 refer.

In response to a query the Divisional Manager Planning & Consents advised that the McDonalds at Tahunanui was presently operating in accordance with the times set within the Resource Management Plan and the facility on Rutherford Street was operating in accordance with the Commissioners decision which authorised 24 hours operation on certain days but with no activity within 50 metres of the boundary of the residential zone.

The Committee was also advised that in relation to item 3 the standards relating to the swing moorings had now been established by OCEL, and that OCEL had been used to provide standards that were specific to the Nelson situation.

The Committee was further advised that in relation to the Port Noise Variations two appeals had in fact been received and a report would be going to the References Committee not back to the Environment Committee.

Resolved

THAT the Environment Committee Status Report for the month of May 2009 be received.

His Worship the Mayor/Reese

Carried

3.0 ENVIRONMENT FINANCE REPORT

Document No 746829, dated 22 April 2009, agenda pages 14-21 refer.

Resolved

THAT the Environment Finance Report for nine months ended 31 March 2009 be received.

Collingwood/Rainey

Carried

4.0 SUBMISSION ON THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (SIMPLIFYING AND STREAMLINING) AMENDMENT BILL 2009

Document No 774294, dated 17 April 2009, agenda pages 22-30 refer.

The Chairman advised that notice had been received that the Council were welcome to speak to the Select Committee however in discussion with the Divisional Manager Planning & Consents she had decided that there would be no benefit to Nelson ratepayers in them spending the time in Wellington so the invitation was not taken up.

Resolved

THAT the Submission (Document 739045 being attachment 1 to Document No 774294) on the Resource Management (Simplifying and Streamlining) Amendment Bill 2009 be endorsed.

His Worship the Mayor/Shaw

Carried

5.0 SUSTAINABILITY FORUM

Document No 755301, dated 23 April 2009, agenda pages 30-36 refer.

In response to a query the meeting was advised that although Mata Waka had not previously been involved in the Sustainability Forum a formal invitation would be sent to them welcoming them to be part of the discussion.

Resolved

THAT the initiatives of the Sustainability Forum for the period October 2008 to April 2009 (Document No 755301) be noted.

Miccio/Reese

Carried

6.0 VEGETATING THE CITY HILL BACKDROP AND VALLEYS AND ESTABLISHING CORRIDORS

The Committees attention was drawn to the report from Councillor Shaw on pages 37-39 of the agenda.

Councillor Shaw drew the Committees attention to the Biosecurity Terrestrial Action Plan and the Central City Strategy which both referred to the development of corridors within the City.

The Divisional Manager Planning & Consents advised that in his opinion the proposal had considerable merit and a number of the aspects mentioned by Councillor Shaw were being dealt with by Council staff but on an ad hoc basis and there needed to be an overall view of what was happening.

The meeting acknowledged that the Strategy/Plan proposed by Councillor Shaw would provide an overarching view of the City under which future policy could be developed and future actions tested.

Resolved

THAT the Environment Committee endorsed the proposal to prepare a Re-vegetation and Corridor Strategy for Nelson City.

AND THAT the Executive Team be requested to consider the proposal and report back to the Committee as to how it might be progressed.

Shaw/Reese

Carried

7.0 PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH NELSON SPCA

Document No 735292, dated 10 March 2009, agenda pages 40-45 refer.

Attendance: Bob Askew, Environmental Inspections Ltd, presented the report.

His Worship the Mayor declared an interest and took no part in either the discussion or voting in respect of the matter.

Resolved

THAT the Memorandum of Understanding between Nelson City Council and Nelson SPCA (Document 735293) be entered into for a period of 3 years with the option of reviewing the Memorandum of Understanding after 3 years subject to a review and further agreement by both parties.

Reese/Barker

Carried

The meeting closed at 10.07am.